

REMARKS

Status of Claims

By the present response and amendment, claims 1, 11, 16, and 21 are amended, and claims 8-10 and 15 are cancelled. Thus, claims 1-7, 11-14, and 16-22 remain pending in this application following amendment. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of the application.

Claim Objections

Claims 8 and 15-16 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has rewritten claim 16 in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim. Applicant has amended claim 1 to include the features of claim 8 and claim 11 to include the features of claim 15. Applicants thank the Examiner for recognizing the allowable subject matter of these claims.

Remaining Rejections

In light of the amendments made herein, the remaining rejections are moot. Independent claim 20 has been amended to include features which the Examiner has indicated to be allowable. Thus, the remaining claims of the application have been amended such that these rejected claims no longer depend from rejected claims. Instead, these claims all depend from claims that the Examiner has indicated are allowable over the art of record or the claims have been cancelled. As such, it is respectfully submitted that these claims are allowable now as well.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance, and Applicants respectfully solicit allowance of application. Should there be any further questions or concerns, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,
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